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In re application of:

Vahid SAADAT et al.

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ACCESS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, please enter the following
amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.